

CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEERS

*Camp Knutson Volunteers'
Mission Statement*

“To support Camp Knutson through acts of service, including camp programs, fundraising events, and camp maintenance.”



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Roll out the carpet and listen to the drum rolls for Camp Knutson's 60th Anniversary!

We will officially celebrate the Diamond Anniversary on July 20, 2013 at **Night Under the Stars**. So mark your calendars now, you won't want to miss it.

Just think of the thousands of children who have been forever positively impacted by coming to Camp Knutson over the last 60 years. Kids from all over the United States and other countries. And how fortunate *we* are to be a part of this life changing experience for these kids.

What is it that makes volunteering at Camp K so special? I believe it's everything from the beauty of the grounds, our location between two magnificent lakes to our mission and our culture. Most importantly, there are certain values which are at the core of Camp Knutson's culture or "the way things are done". Three values quickly come to my mind.

Dignity-We value the uniqueness of each individual camper, staff and volunteer. We respect their different needs, talents, experience and their individual worth.

Compassion-We are committed to a caring, loving, trusting environment, which recognizes and responds to the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of each camper and co-worker.

Service-We are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of the Camp K kids and strive to be a positive role model in demonstrating team-work, cooperation and collaboration.

These values are just a few of many which make Camp K the wonderful place it is. As well, we're so fortunate to have the wisdom of Rob and Kate as our leaders and the talented counselors as teachers/role models for the kids. Together they "set the tone" in creating and fostering an

environment reflecting these values. Their enthusiasm for their work is contagious! I've never been in a camp where the environment is so rich in honoring these values. It's extraordinary to be volunteers in such a legendary camp.

Both of our fundraisers in 2012 were very successful. Both were sold out (220 at the Taste Luncheon and 243 at NUTS), and both exceeded our financial expectations. Night Under the Stars raised \$70,000 (after expenses), which made a new Larson boat a reality as well as many other waterfront needs. The Taste Luncheon raised \$8,500, which made it possible to purchase a much needed Toro Workman for the Camp. The generosity of people supporting the events was overwhelming and so appreciated.

I want to thank all the volunteers (179 in 2012!), for your continuing commitment to "**make a difference**" in the camping experience of each Camp K child. Whether you're jewelry making, fishing, tailgating with the children, cleaning the cabins between camps or participating in our fundraisers, *all* opportunities for us to serve are *equally* important to the successful vibrant life of Camp Knutson.

I appreciate so much all of your contributions toward making the 2012 season so successful. Here's to another great season in 2013. See you all at Camp K!

Judy Morgan
CKV President

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NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

CKV 2013 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

New Volunteer Orientation followed by All Volunteer Spring Meeting

- **New Volunteer Orientation**

Time: 12:00—1:15 PM
(Lunch included)

Location: Allie's Place

- **All Volunteer Spring Meeting**

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Camp Knutson Dining Hall

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

- **Angel Flight Training by Rob**

Time: 10:00AM

Location: Pauly's Place

- **Training by Kate – Volunteers working with campers**

Time: 10:00AM

Location: Pauly's Place

Saturday, July 20, 2013

Night Under the Stars

Time: 5:00PM

Location: Camp Knutson

Monday, August 26, 2013

All Volunteers Fall Meeting

Time: 1:30PM

Location: Camp Knutson Dining Hall

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Taste Luncheon

Time: 11:30AM

Location: Crosslake Lutheran Church

Mark your calendar for this year's Night Under the Stars - Saturday, July 20th. This year we will be celebrating Camp Knutson's 60th Diamond Anniversary. We are excited that Prairie Bay will be the caterers for the evening, promising an amazing meal and service.

The Silent/Live Auction will be held indoors in the dining area, which will give us more room and the ability to set up the day before in a secure space. There will be two dining tents set up outdoors to allow us to dine together and allow more people to attend.

We were very pleased with the trial run of the Greater Giving software used last year for registration, cataloging and express check out of silent auction items. Camp Knutson has purchased the software for us to use in the future. We are excited to build on all the programming it has to offer.

We are thrilled about the counselors being involved with the program this year....just wait and see!!

New this year will be a "Wine Wall". We are asking each volunteer to donate one or more (at least \$10 value) bottle of red or white wine. You can bring the bottle(s) of wine to the Spring Meeting. We will be covering the label with a hand made bag and selling each bottle for \$20 at Night Under the Stars. We are hoping to reach our goal of 100 bottles donated.

Cutoff for accepting donated items for the Auction will be **Friday, June 21st**. This will give us time to package items, take pictures, enter them online and get displays ready for the event.

Everyone will be able to view the Silent Auction Items online prior to July 20th at the campkfriends.com website. We will attempt to start this year's silent auction bidding online a couple weeks prior to July 20th with the conclusion of the bidding on the night of the event.

Ticket Sales will begin at the Spring Meeting. There will also be the opportunity to register online at our campkfriends.com website. Invitations will be mailed out after the Spring Meeting. Once again we will have sponsorship levels: Ruby - \$75 per ticket, Emerald - \$150 per ticket and Diamond- \$300 per ticket.

All but \$30 of the price of each ticket is tax deductible. \$25 Wine Bar & Silent Auction Only tickets will also be available. Significant progress is already in the works for the 2013 Night Under the Stars event, but there will be a need for more volunteers along the way and especially the night of July 20th. We will have sign up sheets at the Spring Meeting or contact me, Lori Nelson at 651-246-7292 or Lorinelson@brainerd.net

Thanks for caring about Camp Knutson Campers and helping raise extra funds for camp needs.

Lori Nelson, Chair
Night under the Stars 2013

THE SILENT/LIVE AUCTION



The 60th Anniversary Celebration for Night Under the Stars promises to be an exciting evening with a special "Silent Auction" being planned! We've started early so our volunteers have time to contact donors who are our "long-time friends and supporters" as well as potential future donors! We'll package the unique auction items and have an online catalogue for viewing with pictures and possible online bidding!

The Silent Auction Committee will be spearheaded by Jean Jones, Karen Struve (corporate focus), Lori Nelson, and Judy Morgan. Have you seen any new and creative ideas for gifts this past winter at other fundraising events? We'd love to hear about them and see if we can come up with some really amazing auction items again this year! We are asking you to think about gifts that you'd be willing to solicit or donate. Here are a few items that typically sell well!

- Condos in Florida, Hawaii, or California, Texas or other fun places?
- Tickets for a sports event or a theater performance?
- Skills that you would be willing to teach – sailing, cooking, computer?
- A service that is available in the area – window cleaning, detailing car or boat?
- How about something special for our "diamond" anniversary celebration!

We are set-up for you to drop off your gifts at Linnea Anderson's carriage house at 13380 Rush Harbor Drive; Route 66. (Thanks, Linnea!) First drop-off is on Monday, June 3, following with June 10, and June 17 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. We'll accept items through June 21st, by special arrangement, if necessary. Mardy Brodil and Madelyn Erickson will be receiving gifts and registering your completed auction item forms, These forms will be available for you to print or fill out on-line on the campfriends.com website. Follow the Night Under the Stars registration link to access the form. (It will also be available on the Forms page).

We'll be planning a meeting the middle of May, so watch your e-mail blasts for dates and times. Make sure we have your most current e-mail so you won't miss out on any correspondence, such as a "Save the Date" e-vite! You are ALL such an important part of the success of this event! Think how **you** can be involved. Any questions, please call Jean Jones 402-643-8386 or e-mail jones.jean@gmail.com. As our 2012 Auction Committee said: REMEMBER, IT'S FOR THE KIDS!



Taste Luncheon

Mark your calendars -- Thursday,
September 12th -- 11:30AM

Join us for our 4th annual Camp Knutson
Taste Luncheon September 12th.

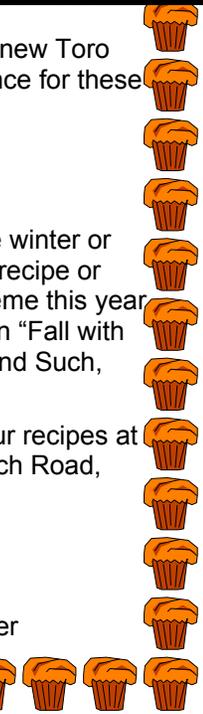
Last year we raised over \$8,500 to purchase a new Toro
Workman for the camp. You do make a difference for these
special needs campers.

Request for recipes

Right now --- we need your recipes. During the winter or
over Easter did you have a delicious or unique recipe or
something special at a friend's house? The theme this year
is "Entertaining at the Lake with an emphasis on "Fall with
Friends". Our categories are: Starters, Soups and Such,
Sides and Sweets.

Bonnie Morris is waiting. You can send her your recipes at
bonmorris@hotmail.com or 12049 Pelican Beach Road,
Merrifield, MN 56465.

Thank you. Co-chairs --- Mardy Brodil
and Shari Schumacher



JEWELRY

The Bead Lady of Camp
Knutson had a
wonderful buying trip to
the Tucson Gem Show
in February.



We will be making hand made rings and beaded
salamanders down at the beach. Because this is a
challenging, yet fun and rewarding project we will
need more volunteers to help.

The Dermatology and Mentally Challenged Adult
camps will be painting wooden jewelry holders,
making dragonfly pins and bottle cap openers.

A new find, clay painted animal beads, all our
creatures in Minnesota, will be used on necklaces,
key rings, and back packs and zipper pulls.

Some of our campers will be creating book marks as
thank-you favors for NUTS.

I am looking forward to another creative season
and can hardly wait to see all of my wonderful
friends and volunteers. See you in June when the
snow melts.

Kathy Morgan

Card Making Sessions



This popular volunteer opportunity is a great way to assist campers with supplies as THEY make thank you cards for those who sponsored their stay at Camp Knutson. Your commitment of ONE MORNING for 2-3 hours makes this an easy and fun way to get to know some campers. NO CARD MAKING EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! Sessions are the weeks that Camp Odayin is at Camp in July and August. (See schedule)

A volunteer coordinator is needed to schedule the volunteers and get supplies ready for the card making program (4 weeks). Please contact **Lori Nelson 651-246-7292** for more information on this EASY way to get involved. Sign up at the spring meeting. Card sessions are held in the morning.



★ Camp Director's Updates

★ Greetings from Camp Knutson! The dark days of winter are behind us and we are gearing up for spring and another big summer at Camp Knutson. We look forward to the challenges ahead and the opportunity to work with you the "Volunteers" that make camp such a special place. Once again we have a full schedule with so many kids anxious to be here. Many of our campers can barely wait for camp to begin, they love it so much.

★ Thanks to all of you for helping to make Camp Knutson a safe and wonderful place for so many children with special needs. Let the sunshine and the lakes open up for another season at Camp K!

★ Rob & Kate



Camp Knutson 2013 Summer Schedule

May 17	Brainerd Area LSS Group Homes
May 29	Summer Staff Training Begins
June 9-13	Down Syndrome Youth Camp
June 15-20	Autism Camp I
June 23-28	Skin Disorder (AAD) "Little Pine"
June 29- July 5	Autism Camp II
July 7-12	Skin Disorder (AAD) "Big Trout"
July 15-19	Heart Disease Camp I
July 20	Night Under the Stars
July 22-26	Heart Disease Camp II
July 28- August 2	Autism III
August 3	Rhino Bike Ride
August 5-9	Heart Disease Camp III
August 10	Quilt Auction
August 12-16	Heart Disease Camp IV
August 19-23	Camp Benedict
August 23-25	AA Mens Group
August 31	Pancake Breakfast
Sept. 2-6	Minneapolis Community Group



CAMP KNUTSON

2013 Wish List

1. Shuffle Board Court
2. New Cement Pathways
3. Rebuilding Whitefish Overlooks
4. New Camp Van
5. Renner West Remodel
6. Sprinkler System for Husby and Timberlane Cabins
7. Portable Stage
8. New Trees/Tree Removal
9. Round Dining Hall Tables
10. Stand-up Paddle Boards



HELP WANTED

Are you enthusiastic, full of energy, upbeat, creative, fun to be with, willing to work long hours with very little time off from June through August and keep smiling? These are the kind of young people Kate hires every summer to work at Camp K. When camp is over for the week and the last camper is on the bus, they have an opportunity to kick back and relax until the next group arrives. Right? Wrong! They immediately pick up brooms and dust mops and start cleaning the camp.



Seven or eight years ago Rob asked us if we would be willing to help get the camp clean and ready to go. We said yes. In the beginning we worked in all the buildings and did what ever needed to be done. Now we are responsible for just four small buildings which take us about 1 ½ hours to 2 hours per week or less if all the buildings weren't used. Usually the first two camps of the year leave on Thursday and the rest leave on Friday. Depending on the group they can leave as early as 8 AM or as late as 3 PM. We start as soon as the campers are gone.

By helping to clean we give the whole staff a little extra time to catch their breath. And they are very appreciative. I will bring the 2013 cleaning schedule to our June meeting. I encourage you to bring your calendars and sign up to clean once or twice this summer. It is a good way for us to support Rob and the entire staff.



CAN YOU HEAR IT?

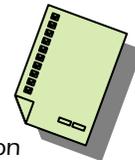
I am sitting on my balcony listening to the joyous laughter of the kids playing in the pool. It got me to remembering all the laughter I heard and the smiles I saw when I volunteered at Camp Knutson last summer.

Carolyn Thompson has put together a nifty new Time and Talent sheet for you to look at and hopefully fill out. As you can see, there is something for everyone. For example, you can work directly with the campers in a variety of ways, you can keep the camp looking super with your gardening skills, you can help with our fund raising so the camp can get the little extras that make Camp K special, or you can help with things like organize the costume closet at the end of the summer.

If you only want to be involved on a limited basis, fully involved or something in between, whatever your preference there is a place for you. Take a few minutes to go over the Time and Talent sheet included in this newsletter to find the perfect place or places for you. Fill it out, send it to me or bring it to the meeting and then get ready for a great summer.

FORMS

Remember that every year each volunteer is required to fill out a form allowing Camp Knutson to do a limited background check and a Voluntary Disclosure Form. If your spouse comes with you to help out, they must fill out the forms too. You can find the forms on our web site campkfriends.com.



Gail Peterson
Volunteer Coordinator

Membership Dues

Your \$10 membership dues are due June 4th. They help defray the costs of the required background checks, Spring Newsletter – printing and postage – and cleaning supplies, craft supplies, etc.

Benefits for volunteers who pay their dues:

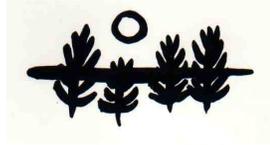
- Recognized as members of the Camp Knutson Volunteer organization
- Vote on CKV elections and other CKV business
- Receive newsletters, blasts and other communications
- Your name and contact information posted on the CKV website
- Hold an Executive Office position
- Be on the election committee

Pay your dues by June 4th

Four easy options to pay your dues:

- Mail your \$10 check payable to “Camp Knutson” directly to: Sharon Barsness, 12571 Arrowhead Ln, Crosslake, MN 56442
- Pay at the Spring Meeting, Tuesday, June 4th
- Pay by credit card on our website – www.campkfriends.com
click on “Membership info” on the left side
- Drop a check payable to “Camp Knutson” in the CKV drop box in the lobby at Pauly’s Place

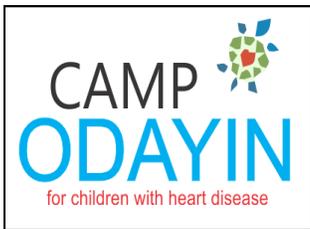
Questions? Call Sharon Barsness, Membership Chair 218-692-4583



Throughout the summer Camp Knutson partners with organizations that provide summer camp experiences for children with disabilities and/or special needs.

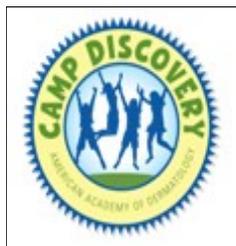
Children with special needs benefit from having a fun-filled camp experiences while connecting to other young people who may share similar health, emotional and social concerns.

Each year the camp serves:



Camp Odayin for children with heart disease

- July 15 – 19 (Flambeau: Ages 14 – 15)
- July 22 – 26 (Namekagon: Ages 16-17)
- Aug 5 – 9 (Chippewa: Ages 8 – 11)
- Aug 12 – 16 (Nokasippi: Ages 11 – 13)



Camp Discovery for children with skin disease

- June 23 – 28 “Little Pine” Junior Camp
- July 7 – 12 “Big Trout” Teen Camp



Camp Hand in Hand for children with autism spectrum

- June 15 – 20 (Boys 9 – 16)
- June 29 – July 5 (Boys 14 – 21)
- July 28 – Aug 2 (Boys 9 – 11 & Girls 9 – 21)



Camp Benedict for families infected or affected by HIV/AIDS

- Aug 19 – 23



Down Syndrome Camp for children with Down Syndrome

- June 9 – 13

At Camp Knutson, lives are forever changed, friendships made and healing happens.

Love and acceptance can change a child’s life.

CAN YOU HELP?

Time and Talent

Please let us know how you would like to volunteer.
Check all that may interest you. Complete this form and mail to;
Gail Peterson, 8890 Breezy Point Dr. #505, Breezy Point, MN. 56472 (Phone 218-562-5472)
Or, bring the completed forms to the Spring Meeting.

Work with Campers

- "Angel Flight" (Camp Odayin (Heart))
Transport campers to/from Brainerd Airport.
A vehicle record check and personal record check will be done. 1 hour online defensive driver training course required.
- Thank you cards (Camp Odayin (Heart))
Set out and organize supplies, assist campers
AM opportunity
- Coordinator for Camp Odayin Card Sessions
Coordinate volunteers for morning sessions.
- Reading/Story telling (Down Syndrome Camp)
- Karaoke/Music (Down Syndrome Camp)
- Basketball/Kickball (Down Syndrome Camp)
- Supervise Bike Riding (Autism Camp)
Generally 5:45 to 6:30 PM
- Assist with crafts (except Down Syndrome Camp)
9:15 to 11:30 AM. Set-up supplies and assist/mentor campers. 2-3 mornings/week.
Afternoons at the waterfront 2:30 to 4:00 PM
Camper options instead of water activities
(All camps except Autism)
- Fishing with campers
- Jewelry making (training provided)
- Supervise tetherball/horseshoes/croquet
- Board games
- Tailgating dinners (except Autism)
4:45 to 6:00 PM. Grills, food and tables are provided.
Does your spouse/other wish to volunteer with you?
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- Assist with early season (April/May)
Special camps or activities
- Assist with end of season (late Aug/Sept/Oct)
Special camps or activities e.g. Pancake Breakfast

Behind the Scenes/

Other administrative volunteer opportunities

- Clean between camp sessions
(Extremely Important!!) See schedule to sign up.
- Gardening (Wed. 8: AM)
- Make treats for parties/dances (Wed./Thurs.)
- Website
- Photographer
- Woodworking/Carpentry
- Art/Draw/Paint
- Sew/Mend costumes
- Assemble craft kits offsite (home)
- Excel/Computer Skills

Fundraising

Night Under the Stars!

- Co-chair
- Publicity
- Decorating
- Ticket Sales
- Silent/Live Auction
- Willing to work at event
- Corporate sponsorship
- Set-up/Clean up
- Data Entry

Taste Luncheon

- Co-chair
- Publicity
- Decorating
- Ticket Sales
- Set-up/Clean-up

Most camp activities will take between 1 and 2 hours. Working on Night Under the Stars or the Taste Luncheon will require more time depending on what you sign up to do. All volunteers must submit a Background Check Form and a Volunteer Disclosure Form. Forms are available on our website campkfriends.com

Name _____ Phone # _____ E-Mail _____



Thank you for your volunteer service!

We look forward to seeing you at Camp!

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Taste luncheon:	Mardy Brodil	218-692-2066	jmbrodil@live.com
	Shari Schumacher	218-543-6709	dsschumach@verizon.net
Membership	Sharon Barsness	218-692-4583	stbarsness@crosslake.net



Gardening at Camp Knutson

Please come join us for some fun gardening time! We meet once a week from June - August at 8:00 AM on Wednesdays. We gather in the parking lot and work through the campus. Our tasks are weeding, deadheading and watering. Our work time is about 1 hour (depending on how many people we have gather that morning). When our work is done we take time to share ideas and enjoy some coffee. We are flexible so come when you can and leave as you need to. We invite you to make some new friends or catch up with the friends we have made in the past and enjoy the beautiful mornings at the camp!

*Gardening Co-Chairs
Linda Gates and Sharon Elmquist*

